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FAOUR, J. et al. Serial No.: 09/770,901

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For:

Pharmaceutical compositions

containing COX-II inhibitor and a

muscle relaxant

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 23, 2003, a response to which was due July 23, 2003. This petition, if granted, will extend the period for response until October 23, 2003, which does not exceed the statutory period.

Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$475.00 in payment of the extension fee.

In view of the foregoing it is requested that this petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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